



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Scarcity and shortage of COVID Personal Protective Items in the open market - Fixing the rates - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1131/2021/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 27/05/2021

Read 1 G.O.(P) No.8/2021/F&CSD dated 14.05.2021

2 Note No KMSCL/DRG-CPS-33/MISC./2011 dated 20.05.2021 from Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd.

3 Note No KMSCL/DRG-CPS-33/MISC./2011 dated 27.05.2021 from Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd.

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as paper 1st above, Food and Civil Supplies Department has declared 15 medical items as essential under the provision of The Kerala Essential Articles Control Act 1986 (13 of 1986) and the maximum retail prices were fixed, to ensure the availability of medical items to common man at fair price. The basic rate of Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd was taken for fixing the price. As per the note read as paper 2nd above, the Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited has informed that KMSCL is procuring monthly on an average 3 lakhs numbers of PPE kits, 18 lakhs numbers of N 95 mask, 60 lakhs numbers of face mask 3 layer, 2 lakhs numbers of Hand Sanitizer, 30 lakhs numbers of Gloves etc at competitive rates through the process of online sealed quotations. Also, the current procurement rate of KMSCL is the net volume based price advantage arrived through the competitive bidding, which may not be viable for the private hospitals and retailers who are doing small scale procurement. Moreover almost all the procurement by the Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd is from the original Manufacturer, which shall again yield additional price advantage by curtailing the middle men.

2. As per the note read as 3rd paper above, the Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd has reported that as per stipulations of the Government of India, the standard specification of the triple layer medical mask should be with Bureau of Indian Standards IS 16289:2014, N95 medical Masks specifications as per IS 9473:2002 standards and PPE kits with coverall as per IS 17423:2020. It is also reported that there is huge market scarcity of surgical gloves nowadays which is to be considered as an outcome of multiple contributory factors.

1. Raw material shortage
2. The steep rise in the price of the raw materials in the market.
3. The scarcity of the availability of the raw materials due to the unprecedented high demand occurred for the gloves.
4. Enhanced labour overheads (transportation cost mainly)
5. Human resource constraints in the manufacturing units since the employees are affected with COVID
6. Huge Supply chain disruption due to Demand/supply gap
7. Uniform price fixation for all types of Gloves
8. Attributed net Business loss due to the above factors and price capping.

3. Considering the above facts and the current market analysis, Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd proposed the revised rate calculating 10%, 20% and 30% increase in the cost of various medical items.

4. Government examined the matter in detail and are pleased to fix the rate with an average of 20% increase to the rates fixed as per the Govt Order read as paper 1st above for ensuring the quality of the product. The revised rates are as below;

Sl No	Particulars	Specifications	Rate as per GO (P)No. 8/2021/F&CSD dated 14.05.2021	Rate in Rs.
1	PPE Kits	Coverall with BIS specifications IS 17423:2020 & N95 Mask with IS 9473:2002 specification	273	328
2	N95 mask	N95 Mask with IS 9473:2002 specification	22	26
3	Triple layer mask	Specifications IS 16289:2014	3.9	5
4	Face shield	175 microns fog free	21	25
5	Apron(Disposable)		12	14

6	Surgical Gown	Non Oven SMMS fabric 45 GSM with ETO sterilization. Length 127-135 cm, width 76 cm, sleeve length 55 cm, cuff length 6 cm	65	78
7	Examination Gloves (Number)		5.75	7
8	Sterile Gloves (pair)		15	18
9	Hand sanitizer(500 ml)	WHO formulations	192	230
10	Hand sanitizer(200 ml)	WHO formulations	98	118
11	Hand sanitizer (100 ml)	WHO formulations	55	66
12	NRB mask		80	96
13	Oxygen mask	Made of medical grade plastic, transparent mask, two holes to allow carbon di oxide exhaled by the patient, Nasal clip for secure fixation, Elastic band for placement around the head, transparent tubing to connect mask to oxygen source of minimum 2 metre length	54	65
14	Flow meter with Humidifier		1520	1824
15	Finger tip pulse oxymeter	CE certified product with display of saturation percentage of oxygen & pulse rate. Display - colour LCD. ON/Off switches with auto shutdown. Should work on AAA batteries	1500	1800

5. Government are also pleased to accord sanction to Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd. to do the procurement of the above items and make available through Karunya Pharmacy.

(By order of the Governor)
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